Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota's citizens are our state's best investment in the future and our greatest hope for prosperity; and,

Whereas, Mary Gums has been employed by Daktronics for more than 30 years, while at the same time, is a dedicated wife to Neil, mother to Joshua and JJ, and has been a student at South Dakota State University (SDSU) for the past 16 years; and,

Whereas, Mary will receive her diploma from SDSU this spring, and it is a fitting and proper culmination of hard work and dedication both inside and outside the classroom; and,

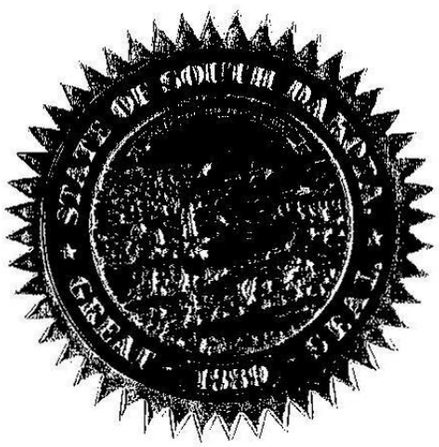
Whereas, Mary's achievements are an inspiration to people of all ages in South Dakota who recognize that learning and the acquisition of knowledge are not a product but a process that stays with us during our lives; and,

Whereas, Mary's family inherited her work ethic and powerful drive to succeed--her son, JJ, is preparing to graduate from medical school on the same day as Mary's graduation. Therefore, her friends, family, and co-workers will gather to honor and congratulate Mary on May 4, 2010, for her accomplishments of the past and her promise for the future:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 4, 2010, as

MARY GUMS DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State